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Mr. John Burvainis
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Sent Via E-Mail

Dear John:

REF: Docket No. NG-0051/PI 130

On behalf of the 550 member Nebraska Agri-Business Association, I am writing in support of the construction of a natural gas pipeline from Clay County, Nebraska, north and east of Columbus, Nebraska (Phase I). The pipeline will serve for distribution of natural gas to homes and businesses. In addition, the pipeline will provide the expanding ethanol and bio-fuels facilities and other industrial users.

The Nebraska Agri-Business Association represents fertilizer, agricultural chemical, seed, application equipment and related ag input retailers, distributors, manufacturers and other suppliers. Natural gas is also over 78 percent feeder stock in the manufacture of nitrogen fertilizers, which are so critical to the production of corn to feed the ethanol and livestock industry.

In recent years, over 20 domestic nitrogen plants have gone off of production in the United States due to natural gas shortages; and the Nebraska Agri-Business Association has been working at the federal level for expanded off-shore drilling for natural gas to help boost the supply. In addition, natural gas is useful for drying grain and other industrial uses.

We would urge the Commission to support this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Anderson".

Robert L. Anderson
President

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